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LAND CERTIFICATES FOR NORTHAMPTON COUNTY

(Contributed by Judge Thomas B. Robertson, Hopewell, Va.)

The following list of those to whom certificates were issued for taking up land in Northampton County, then including the whole Eastern Shore of Virginia, will show forcefully the rapidity with which the lands were taken up in the county and how the settlement went forward. The lands referred to in the list spread all the way from Cape Charles to upper portions of what is now Accomac County. In addition there are recorded between 1650 and 1660 several deeds to lands given by the Indians. One instance being that of Okiawampe, who styled himself "Great King of the Eastern Shore," deeding land in Occohanock neck. Below are given most of these recorded, some being likely omitted, partly owing to the condition of the book in which they are recorded and a number did not record them for years afterwards. There are, too, a few errors in the names.

At a court holden for Accomacke County the 11th day of January 1640.

A certificate was granted to Col. Obedience Robins for 2000 acres of land for the transportation of 40 persons whose names are underwritten:

Thomas Belkes, Simon Lyld, Robert Marriott, David Elvis, Edwd. Carter, Edwd. Smith, Thomas Marshall, Marie Thomas, Thomas Bragley, Thos. Penford, John Blouser, John Drew, John Wheller, Robt. Walerton, A. Densford, Richd. White, Elizabeth Cowld, John Taylor, Richard Holland, Lewis Smith, John Gibson, John Parke, Anna Button, Edward Nalden, William Pece, Jane Ffohley, Richard Lyall, John Johnson, L. Ffield, Richd. Pryne, James Sollett, Robt. Mann, Elizabeth Norse, Willm. Lynchbor, Esaw Butterfield, Alex. Larwood, William Lawrence, John Browrie, Richard Ludson, Martin A Morgan.

At a court holden for Accomack County, Mar. 1642.

A certificate was granted to Henry Weede for five hundred acres of land for the persons underwritten:

Richd. Lacy, Ffra. White, Edwd. Drigg, William Wheeler,
Phill Lanseed, Sarvant Mayer, John Bousser, Tho. Beirnam,
James Wrenn, William Howson.

Att a court holden for Northampton County Aug. 29, 1642,
a certificate was granted to Thomas Savage, Carpenter, for the
following:

John Severne Bridgett his wife John Severne Jr. Wm. Stevens
Robt. Lattmer Abraham Merigold John Pott Abraham La-
grand Wm. Allogon John Luark

A certificate was granted to William Waters Son & heire of
Lt. Edward Waters, Dec'd. for following persons

| | |
|------------------------|--|
| Edward Waters | William Goute |
| Anne Parkson | Theo. Brian |
| Antho Brewster | Wm. Warren |
| 3 men killed at | John Dyer |
| Massacre Camp Nichols. | John Bowler |
| | 4 men cast away with Arnolde Williams |

A certificate was granted to Thomas Knight for following

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------|
| Tho. Adderston | John Roberts |
| Rich ^d Jones | Percy Terry |
| Thos. Harrison | |

A certificate was granted to Wm. Andrews for following

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Rich ^d ——— | Thos. Gaskins |
| John Zalleman | John Lee |
| John Young | Wm. Conner |
| Alexander Harrison | An. Brower |

At court holden for Northampton County 3^d day of Jany.
1642-3 A certificate was granted to Capt. Francis Yearly for
3000 acres of land for transportation of the following persons.

Capt. Francis Yearly

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|
| John Langley | Mary Watkins |
| Tho. Datre | Henry Leonard |
| Walter Price | John Lewillins |
| Ffra. Goldman | Rowland Mills |
| Jarvis Preschus | John Sherle |
| Rich ^d Swift | John Linch |
| Roberta Warren | He'y Laughton |
| Edw. Temple | Wm. Ward |
| John Featherstone | Tho. Adderstey |
| ----- Kayne | Tho. Jones |
| Edw. Thorne | Lancaster Lovell |
| Augustine Moore | Robin Williams |
| Tho. Butterese | Edw. Bedlen |
| John Thropp | Wm. Willis |
| John Turner | Edw. Kensey |
| Suzanna Neale | Thos. Prince |
| Hen. Taylor | Pierce Griffin |
| Rich ^d Smith | Rich. Griffin |
| Myles &ower | John Robtes |
| John Penner | Rich. Jones |
| Alice Friser | Ann Lathrine |
| Margarett Cathner | Anne (negro) |
| Zama Barls | Wm. Demiss |
| Anna Thompson | Keo. Miller |
| Anne Kirkram | John Wortham |
| Alonzo Bowles | Marmaduke Parkinson |
| Walter Darby | Charles Atkinson |
| John Darby | John Chevewell |
| Robt. Martin | Wm. Bowker |

Court held last day of Aug. 1643, Mrs. Harmer right of Mr
Charles Harmer for transportation of

| | |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Ffwen Jones | John Gold |
| Lazarus Murring | William Farmer |

| | |
|----------------|------------------|
| John, Harrison | Thomas Lewis |
| Jane Courtney | John Searley |
| Robt. Swamp | Matthew Cottinge |
| Thos. Blunt | John Glucke |
| George Willis | Thomas Gold |

Court Oct. 30, 1643 Cert. granted to Mrs. Anne Littleton in right of her father Henry Southy, Esqr. for following

| | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Henry Southy Esq. | Roger Delke | Tho. Lewis |
| Elizabeth his wife | Tho. Shoare | Robt. Swamp |
| Henry Southy | Valentine Sentell | Roger Marshall |
| his child | | |
| Thomas) | Tynak Woolley | Anne Simes |
| Mary)Servants | Will Bricklayer | Rich ^d Willows |
| Elizabeth) | | |
| John Davenport | Alice Dammock | John Rose |
| Thos Browne | Elleno Paynter | |
| Margarett Chartier | Sarah Sharley | |
| | Dynah Glower | |

Att court 20 Febry. 1643-4 Certificate was granted to William Uen^m (Munro?)

| | |
|---------------|----------------|
| John Webster | Slaty Hodgkins |
| Thos. Newton | Geo. Meredith |
| James Johnson | John Pamwell |
| Susan Johnson | Edw. Denkins |
| Joane Grinder | |
| Joane Longe | |

(Same Court)

A certificate was granted to John Dennis for 350 acres for

| | |
|-------------------|--------------|
| Richard Pattica | Thos. Long |
| Charles Wallyrane | Thos. Lothor |
| Barbury Dennis | |
| Robt. Swanson | |

A servant of Capt. Stone

Same Ct.—A certificate was granted to Edw. Douglass for the following

Edw. Douglass

Wm. Barrett

wife Elizabeth

Wm. Miles

William Pritchett

John Powell

John Browne

John Thomas

Benjamin Bowden

George Holmes

Henry Grasgood

Pelia Nutt

William Gooke

Citwell Long

Rowland Martmore

At a court holden for ye County of Northampto 8th Ffebu^y
Anno 1650-1

Present—Coll'o Nath'l Littleton

Argoll Yeardly Esq—

Mr. Obedience Robins

Mr. Edmund Scarborough

Mr. Edw. Douglass

A certificate was this day granted unto Mr. John Custis for
six hundred acres of land due unto him by assignment of right
from Argoll Yeardly Esq—

Mrs. Ann Yeardley

Southerd Obbine

Wm. Smith

Jno. Custis

Edw. Sacker

Elizabeth Roberts

Dante Jackson

Abrh. Smith

Elizabeth ———

James Stanfast

Mary Stanfast

George Grime

Record at 28th day month Mar. 1651

At Court held in Northampton 28th April 1651, Certificate
granted John Robinson for 600 acres of land due by right of the
underwritten

Steph. Costen

George Smith

Eliz. Winn

John Wilcoxe

James Sterrett

Jno. Mundage

Margarett Courren

Tho. Fitchett

Eliz. Barnes

Ann Costen

Ann Winn

Wilbur Hawes

Cert. granted Ffarmer Jones for 300 acres for the following
Ffarmer Jones Sen^r and man servant Hanson

Jane Leetra

Sara Jones

Ffarmer Jones Jr.

Robt. Hallowair

Cert. granted to John Johnson for 50 acres of land for transportation of Thos. Wilson.

Cert. granted unto Edmund Scarborough for 3600 acres of land for those underwritten.

Rowland Evans

Joanne Parritt

Jenkin Lleullen

Ann Darby

Edward Evans

Tho. Pitcher

Lewis Rowland

Mary Eddesse

Jno. Jones

Tho. Woodfield

Phill Pemcott

Wm. Skinner

Margaret Tillet

Tho. Hayes

Jester Yeoman

Mary Edgar

Wm. Tomlin

Mary Williams

Nath Smith

Mary Gritheffe

Henry Willis

Jonathan Showett

Susan Foster

Thos. West

Thos. Browne

Margarett Purnell

John Martin

Alice Price

John Surry

Stowell Gladsinger

Walter Wood

Tho. Collers

Ffrancis W. Knight (?McKnight)

Edw. Cowes

Edw. Sermonor

Tho. Cower

Wm. Hollis

Morris Mathews

Nath. Broonfield

Mary Badullor

Edw. Holles

Jane Daniel

Owen Williams

Dorothy Barnes

Jno. Cary

Thos. Shipwin

Domingo)

James Harris

Servia) negroes Jno. Jones

Elizabeth Case

Tahania)

Thos. Browne

John Edwards

Robt. Kinge

Jno. Marrett

Wm. Rinch

Jno. Runney

Jno. Hardwell

Tho. Yeoxill

Wm. Price

| | | |
|---------------|------------------|---------------|
| Tho. Maior | Ffrancis Wieland | Jno. Owen |
| Wm. Alesworth | Mary Johnson | Dor'thy Rubie |
| Hen. Barnes | Lucretia Pott | Rich. Hunsted |
| Ronald Rich | | |

Court held 28 July 1651 a certificate was granted to Geo. Clark son of Mrs. Geo. Clarke for 100 acres land for the following

George Clarke Jr.
Elizabeth Clarke

Cert. granted to Wm. Waters for 200 acres for the following

| | |
|--------------|-------------------|
| Chas.. Neale | Francis Harris |
| Arthur Moore | Margarett Bentton |

Cert. granted to Michael Painter for 350 acres for

| | |
|-------------------|----------------|
| ———— Wood | John Rogers |
| John Martin | Antho. Black |
| Charles Armstrong | Joseph Karson |
| | Keth Bromfield |

20 Sept. 1651 Cert. granted to Sam'l Goldsmith for the following

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------|
| Alice Clawson | John Long |
| Jacob Browne | John Harrison |
| Sam'l Goldsmith | Joanne Goldsmith |
| | Susanna Goldsmith |

At a court held for Northampton County the 4th Apr. 1659 a certificate is granted to Doctor Geo. Hack for 1350 acres of land for transportation of 27 persons to this County as follows:

| | |
|--------------------|-------------------|
| Geo. Nicholas Hack | Margaret Palmer |
| | a negro |
| Sopherin Hack | " |
| Ann Katherine Hack | " |
| Brian Penaby | " |
| Benj. Jones | Gilhelinus Varlee |
| Dorman Nephninge | William Ffoxe |
| Mary Nourth | Simon Taylor |
| Augustine Grisbert | Bridgett Williams |

| | |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| Timothy Blackford | Ann Pfoxry |
| Rynick Gerritt | Hendrick Volkert |
| Augustine Harmon | John Gerritte |
| Cornel ^e Hendrickson | Burnard Ramsy |

Att. Att a court held in Northampton May 30th 1659 a certifi is granted to Col. Edmund Scarborough for those whose names are underwritten (1500 acres)

| | | |
|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| John Watts | Alice Roberts | Robt. Ffowkes |
| Jeffrey Coate | Joseph Hues | Jane Rodgers |
| Edmund Cantwell | Nicholas Litchby | Ann Lartch |
| Tho. Stany | John Hapworth | Thomas Warren |
| Hugh Bowen | Morris Souatt | Henry Robins |
| Sara Hart | Jane Gethinge | James Hayes |
| Susan Fflitcher | Thomas Davis | Timothy Jones |
| Jane Gardner | John Davis | Charles Markworth |
| Mary Hues | Edward Bamberry | Mary Williams |
| Sara Gardner | Darby Enns | Thomas Morris |

Cert. is granted to Alexander Addison for 10 persons.

At Court held in Northampton Co. 2^d Nov^r 1659 Capt. Wm. Andrews is granted a certificate for 300 acres of land due him for bringing into this County six persons as follows

| | | |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| William Bust | Price Dillenger | Hugh Meres |
| Ffrancis Carlyle | Theren Swan | Jane Maxwell |

At Court held Apr. ye 30th 1660 Capt. George Parker is granted a certificate for 300 acres of land for bringing in 6 persons underwritten he having taken no land before.

| | |
|----------------|----------------|
| Mary Thomas | Eliz. Brampton |
| Philip Swinton | Grace Thompson |
| Wm. Ramserath | George Beets |

At a court holden 30th July 1660 a certificate is granted to Mr. John Wilcocks for ye transportation of 20 persons into this County whose names follow (1000 acres).

| | | |
|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| Ann Wilcocks | Henry Yardley | George Jenkins |
| Rose Yardly | Wm. Burton | John Flfoyed |

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Mary Anery | Arien Ames | Fflorene Pomroy |
| Cornelius Johnson | John Wilcocks | Wm. Taylor |
| John Custis | Wm. St. Johns | John Fereby |
| Wm. Marshall | Mary Barber | Wm. Pryer |
| Robt. Marklockson | Anne Jeanes | |

Court held Sept. 20th 1660, a cert. is granted to John Milby for seven persons namely John Milby, Aron Ramsy, Richard Ackworth, Samarin Milby, Susan Milby, Sam'l Taylor, John Dummon.

At a court held for Northampton 12th Sept. 1660 on petition of Mr. John Michael for a certificate for 1000 acres of land it is so ordered being due for ye transportation of 20 persons into this County names followeth:

| | | |
|-------------------|------------------|---------------|
| John Michell Sr. | Robert Irish | Mary Teage |
| John Michell Jr. | Dermon Anderway | Abram Rogers |
| Lawrence Jacobson | John Fflint | Robt. A. Clew |
| William)negroes | Rachael Medcalfe | John Jennins |
| Bundo) | Eliza Braneby | Will Morgin |
| George Such | John Cameday | Elsie Appue |
| Thomas Irish | Mary Greenwood | |

At a court held 26th Nov. 1660 a certificate is granted Col Obedience Robins for 1500 acres land due him for rights under written

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| Obedience Robins | John Wood | Robt. Thompson |
| John Joes | Margaret Waters | Barnabus Brian |
| John Cousin | Wm. Cromment | John Robins |
| Joseph Aboy | Charles Catlin | Wm. Savage |
| Christo Massoine | David Walker | John Rogers |
| Esau Rutherford | Wm. Eldridge | John Magrove |
| Thos. Joynes(3 times) | Robt. Mathison | Eliz. Baron |
| Augustine Hare | Wm. White | John Miller |
| Martin Kalliamie | William Bromfield | Charles Astin |
| Rich. Painebeard | | |

At a court held 13th Decbr 1660 a certificate is granted to Maj. John Tilney for 300 acres of land for the underwritten

| | | |
|---------------|--------------|------------------|
| Robt. Blaine | Richard Ward | Humphrey Brookes |
| Ann Watterson | Ann Bryan | Elizabeth Moore |

25th Feb. 1660 Certificate to John Evans for 400 acres for
perons underwritten

| | | |
|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Abraham Taylor | Wm. Heinsley | Thomas Turker |
| Michael Hutton | Henry Stoff | Edw. Sanders |
| Jane Webb | Joseph Stanard | |

Certificate to Timothy Coe for 300 acres

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|----------------|
| Elizabeth Yorke | Sarah Redder | Jane Coulson |
| Jane Blay | Anne Smith | Margaret Manes |

Certificate granted Robt. Windley for 500 acres

| | | |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| John Truman | Jno. Mill | Robt. Hawkins |
| Elizabeth Hay | Tho. Grimston | Jno. Harmer |
| Dona More | John Ellzy | Echo Whitby |
| | Simon Carrier | |

Certificate granted Robt. Berace for 800 acres

| | | |
|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Edw. Smally | Thomas Minor | Joseph Hurry |
| John Smally | Eliz. Reynolds | Bargret Barton |
| John Knight | Robt. Wright | Miles Gray |
| Lidia Esterfield | Ffrancis Eston | Eliz. Vincent |
| | Nich. Smith | |
| | Eliz. Johnson | |
| | Jane Williams | |
| | Ffrancis Eston | |

Cert. granted to James Price for 400 acres

| | | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------------------------|
| John Hill | Mabill Jones | Rich ^d Armstrong |
| Ffrancis Jones | Hannah Tice | Mary Hepward |
| Thos. Swindel | Sarah Colue | |

Cert. granted to Thos. Leatherbury 600 acres

| | | |
|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|
| John Prichard | John Turner | Thos. Booth |
| John Fisher | Joaner Armitage | Eliz. Glisson |
| Eliz. Neale | Eliz Wade | Eliz. Wright |
| Francis Glisson | Henry Jarvis | Jeffry Smith |